

# **ASHAWAY FIRE DISTRICT**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Ashaway Fire District was called to order by Commission Chairperson, Kathy Schmidt, on Tuesday, September, 16, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Ashaway Fire Station.**

**Present: Commissioners John Donahue, Robert Greene, Michael Williams, Clerk Linda Holman, Treasurer Joyce Smith and Tax Collector George Mayhew.**

**Kathy Schmidt swore in Linda Holman as clerk. The clerk swore in Michael Williams as commissioner, Joyce Smith as Treasurer and George Mayhew as Tax Collector.**

**Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to elect John Donahue as chairperson of the board. All in favor. Motion passed.**

## **Reports**

**Mike Williams made a motion to suspend with the reading of the clerk and tax collector's reports. All in favor. Motion passed. There was no treasurer's report this month. Next month there will be two reports.**

## **Bills**

**A motion was made by Bob Greene seconded by Mike Williams to pay the unpaid bills as of August 31, 2014. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Mike Williams seconded by Bob Greene to allow the treasurer to pay a bill in the amount of \$2000.00, when the correct paperwork is received, for one used Scott Eagle Imager thermal camera with case and table top charger and battery, as is, with no warranty. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**There was a question about an Ashaway Ambulance bill that was paid by the District. The bill is for narcan that police and emergency services are required to carry. Mike thought that the Ambulance should have billed the District and not sent their bill. James Teevan, from the Ambulance, had signed it and Chief Sposato signed it tonight. Will have to check to see if the drugs are being split between departments and if so, should the bill also be split?**

**Mike Williams made a motion seconded by Bob Greene to pay the unpaid bills as of September 16, 2014. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**There were no Fire Marshall bills.**

## **Old Business**

**Brian Steverman is going to stay on as the LOSAP representative with Bob Greene assisting him as the representative to the board. Bob needs to fill out a folder that should be downstairs in the District office files. Joyce had the forms filled out and Bob signed.**

**John had checked with the ethics board and Bob can vote on LOSAP and Mike also can because he's not collecting from the program, yet.**

**There was a discussion on the purchase of a new chief's car. Attorney Naccarato is going to write up a bid to put in the paper. The insurance paid \$3000.00 for the damage incurred on the present chief's car when it hit a deer. The commissioners can authorize using that money towards the new car if needed. If not used for that, it will go into the Capital Improvement Fund. There were ideas discussed about what to do with the old vehicle once the new one is purchased.**

**A bid will also have to go out for the bucket truck.**

**Attorney Naccarato is 99% satisfied with the paperwork for the Bradford brush truck. The state police said that Bradford owns the truck. The Attorney would like to get a statement that Bradford paid for it and then he'll be 100% satisfied.**

**New Business**

**Bob Greene told Kathy that it was a good year working with her.**

## **Correspondence**

**None**

## **Committee Reports**

**The charter revision is ready to go to Attorney Naccarato. Ronnie Sposato, chairperson of the committee, will go over it with Vinnie. The committee will then meet. It should be ready for the commissioners in January and then a referendum in February or March.**

## **Public Comment**

**Scott Bill Hirst wished the officers a good year and thanked Kathy for serving and he enjoyed his time serving with her. John Donahue also said that he enjoyed working with Kathy and looked forward to seeing her at the meetings.**

**There was a discussion on re-financing. It has already been looked into and very difficult to get a better rate and cannot escape the audit. Will look into the contract with USDA to see if more could be paid on the mortgage since the District is in good shape. Perky Mayhew said it would have to be done without adding a burden to the taxpayers.**

The tax collector wants to talk to Attorney Naccarato and maybe Brian Kennedy about the R.I. Housing getting first option on houses going into tax sales. It doesn't help the District because they don't pay the taxes. Joyce said they do eventually pay them. She suggested that he check with the auditor general.

Mike Williams made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 P.M. All in favor.  
Motion passed.

Linda M.Holman

Clerk